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Infection totals

- Michigan: At least 1,768 deaths, 27,001 cases
- U.S.: 25,757 deaths, 605,193 cases
- World: 125,910 deaths, 1,973,715 cases

*As of 9 p.m. Tuesday

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ALPACAS PACK A SMILE FOR SENIORS

Margaret Carter smiles at Thunder, an alpaca, at her window at Cedar Woods Assisted Living in Belleville on Saturday. PHOTOS BY ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Trio of 'silly looking animals' makes visit to assisted living facility

Nicole and Tim George visited with their alpacas Thunder, Lego and Finn to brighten up the day for some of the 110 residents that live at the facility.

Eric Seals Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Thunder, Finn and Lego didn't mind meeting total strangers Saturday.

They somehow knew all the smiles coming at them from the other side of windows meant they were strangers no more.

Belleville residents Nicole and Tim George, owners of IvyLu Alpacas, wanted to find a way to volunteer their time and have their three alpacas bring some joy to many of the 110 residents at Cedar Woods Assisted Living in Belleville during the coronavirus pandemic.

"The alpacas are silly looking animals

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Beaumont sidelines its hospital in Wayne

It's on temporary pause, available if virus rebounds

Kristen Jordan Shamus
Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK
and Robin Erb
Bridge Magazine

In a nod to a slowdown in the surge of coronavirus in southeast Michigan — one that might be short-lived — the state's largest health system has sidelined one of its eight hospitals.

Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, is on standby "as a reserve COVID-19 hospital."

Staff will be shifted to other places in the health system while the hospital in Wayne is put on a temporary pause, said Beaumont spokesman Mark Geary.

"There are people in the community and staff who look at this and ask, 'Are we closing down Wayne forever?' " Geary said. "We're not closing Wayne permanently. We are saying it's temporarily going to be a reserve hospital. It's in a holding pattern. ... What we are

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Shawn Windsor
Columnist
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USA TODAY NETWORK

Old friend's urgent message helps revive long-lost connections

The message arrived from a friend I hadn't spoken to in decades. And, for a few minutes, I wasn't sure what to make of it.

Was it really her?

And why, after 30-plus years, did she need my attention so "urgently?"

Weideman

Social media may have made the world smaller, and has certainly connected us in many meaningful ways, but it says something, too, that when given a hello from a voice of the past we often slip into skepticism.

I accepted the message, anyway, kicking open an electronic door that allowed for her to fully see me. I regretted it immediately.

Had my desire to reconnect in the time of the coronavirus left me exposed?

Maybe.

But, right now, the risk is worth it. Besides,

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Trump halts US funding to World Health Organization

John Fritze USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump said Tuesday his administration will "halt" U.S. funding to the World Health Organization as it conducts a review of the global organization's handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

"We have deep concerns about whether America's generosity has been put to the best use possible," the president said in a Rose Garden press conference. "The reality is that the WHO failed to adequately obtain, vet and share information in a timely and transparent fashion."

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President Donald Trump speaks Tuesday about the coronavirus pandemic. ALEX BRANDON/AP

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